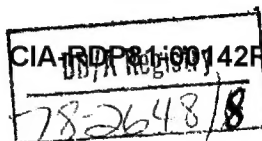


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Jack:

Here is version number two of the remarks for the President. We have tried to be responsive to the guidance given Lavon at the EAG meeting.

Also included are some suggested points for the President's arrival and suggested remarks for the DCI.

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Attachment: a/s

Welcoming Remarks for the DCI On the Occasion of
the President's Visit to CIA Headquarters, August 1978

Mr. President,

On behalf of all of the ladies and gentlemen of the Central Intelligence Agency--welcome.

And Mr. President, it is my great privilege to be able to present to you the extremely able, dedicated people of the world's finest intelligence organization. I always knew they were good, but I didn't realize just how good until I became one of them a year and a half ago. In all candor, that revelation is among the most delightful of my entire career in government service. I cannot praise the dedication and professionalism of these people enough.

We are of course pleased, honored, and flattered by your visit here and by the fact that you would take the time from your heavy responsibilities to share some time with us.

But more than that. We all recall your promise on your last visit here to provide the American people with an accurate assessment of the legality and propriety of intelligence activities.

Mr. President, we welcome your assessment. We are proud of the way we conduct our business--effectively and honestly.

We are proud of our role as the only independent intelligence agency responsible directly to you and the National Security Council, and we are dedicated to your service.

You know the value of our business and how well it is performed better than anybody else. I speak for all the people of CIA when I say sincerely how delighted I am to have you with us today. You are the one person in the world most able to evaluate and appreciate our performance.

Again, welcome, and thank you for being here.